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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FLYING TIGER SEPTEMBER 12 SCHEDULE

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SUMMARY. FTL HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO INAUGURATE B-747 FREIGHTER SCHEDULE ON SEPT 12, BUT WILL NEED TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT WITH KOREAN AIRLINES FOR USE OF HANEDA RAMP SPACE FOR SCHEDULE BEGINNING NEXT MONTH. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY FONOFF LETTER DATED SEPT 9, 1974 (RECEIVED SEPT 10) THAT GOJ HAD APPROVED FTL SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPT 12 WITH EXCEPTION OF FLIGHTS 41 AND 48 FOR OPERATION ON SEPT 12, 19, AND 26. THESE WERE PROPOSED INAUGURAL FLIGHTS OF NEW B-747 FREIGHTER SERVICE. ACCORDING TO NAKAMURA (DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIV, JCAB) KOREAN AIRLINES ALSO HAD APPLIED FOR OPERATION OF B-747 FREIGHTER SERVICE ON SAME DATES AND ONLY ONE RAMP PARKING SPACE WAS AVAILABLE AT HANEDA. IT WAS JCAB'S INTENTION TO WITHOLD AUTHORIZATION OF BOTH AIRLINES' SCHEDULES UNTIL FTL AND KAL HAD AGREED BETWEEN THEMSELVES ON USE OF RAMP SPACE.

2. EMBOFF AND FTL TOKYO REP (PAUL STOKES) DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM WITH NAKAMURA ON SEPT 10. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION IT WAS BROUGHT

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OUT THAT KAL ACTUALLY HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE INAUGURATION OF ITS

B-747 SERVICE UNTIL OCTOBER ALTHOUGH IT HAD NOT FORMALLY NOTIFIED JCAB TO THAT EFFECT. WE POINTED OUT THAT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE WAS NO APPARENT PROBLEM OF RAMP SPACE DURING SEPT AND THAT THERE WAS THEREFORE NO REASON FOR WITHHOLDING APPROVAL OF FTL'S B-747 FLIGHTS. AFTER CONFIRMING KAL'S INTENTIONS BY TELEPHONE NAKAMURA IMMEDIATELY INDICATED THAT FTL WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE THE SEPTEMBER FLIGHTS.

3. THIS RESOLVED FTL'S IMMEDIATE PROBLEM AND STOKES INDICATED THAT FTL, KAL AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES WOULD DISCUSS USE OF HANEDA RAMP SPACE AFTER END OF SEPTEMBER. STOKES WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION COULD BE WORKED OUT.
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